

# Midwest City's hospitality district growing

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Construction is underway for a new Hilton Home 2 Suites extended stay hotel in Midwest City behind the Reed Conference Center with a completion date by late summer or early fall 2017.

The hotel is under the leadership of Kars Investments, LLC which has constructed other hotels across Oklahoma but this is the organization's first foray into extended-stay hotels, said Manish Patel, managing director for the Midwest City project.

"An aggressive target would to get open by summer of next year but I think it will be next fall," Patel said.

Patel said the four-story hotel will have 99 units with amenities including a 1,000 square foot meeting room, indoor pool, fitness center,

outdoor barbecue area and mini-kitchens in each room. A continental breakfast will also be available as well as Wi-Fi.

"It is a relatively new brand and they only introduced it about two or three years ago," Patel said. "Hilton is a good brand and that is why we decided to venture into this project. The first one in Oklahoma

just opened up on MacArthur and Memorial a few months ago. They opened one in Edmond and south Oklahoma City and one in Yukon just opened up."

Patel said they chose Midwest City as a location in part due to Tinker Air Force Base and the need for extended-stay housing.

"We figured it was a good location

by Tinker Air Force Base," Patel said. "I would think they have people that need to stay there 10 to 20 days or more and that is the kind of business we will be going after."

Robert Coleman, economic development director for the City of Midwest City, said having another extended-stay hotel in Midwest City is a win-win situation.

"It is certainly good to see the Hilton brand name coming to Midwest City and it is also an extended stay hotel which is going to fill a niche," he said. "It is going to generate some more excitement in our hospitality district. We have a restaurant that we are working on down there and we have a couple other ventures that we are trying to get off the ground. Anytime you can see new construction get off the ground it generates excitement."



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A Hilton Home 2 Suites hotel is under construction on Center Street in Midwest City. The hotel is expected to open in summer of fall of 2017.



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